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SUBJECT: GERMAN AMBASSADOR ON MACNAMARA'S VISIT TO ADEN

1. AT JORDANIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION MAY 25, GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO YEMEN GUENTER HELD (ALSO ACCREDITED TO PDRY) TOLD ME THAT WORLD BANK PRESIDENT MACNAMARA'S RECENT VISIT TO ADEN CAUSED SOME INTERESTING SPECULATION THERE. HE CONTINUED THAT HE WAS TOLD BY CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE WESTERN SECTION OF PDRY'S FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THEY WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED MACNAMARA CAME TO ADEN AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THEIR UN MISSION RECENTLY INFORMED THEM MACNAMARA IS TO BE THE NEXT SECRETARY OF STATE. AMBASSADOR CONTINUED THAT THE ADENIS HAVE CONCLUDED MACNAMARA'S VISIT HAD IMPORTANT FUTURE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THEM AND THEY INFORMED THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR THAT THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH MACNAMARA WERE "AS MUCH ON POLITICAL AS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS".

2. GERMAN AMBASSADOR CONTINUED THAT RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR IN ADEN WAS ALSO VERY UPSET AND CONCERNED OVER MACNAMARA'S VISIT BECAUSE HE TOO ASCRIBED POLITICAL MOTIVATION BEHIND TRIP TO ADEN AT THIS TIME. GERMAN AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED
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THAT DESPITE GENERAL ANTI-US FEELING IN ADENI REGIME,

THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHO WOULD
LIKE TO SEE SOME NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. HE
ADMITTED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS, HOWEVER, DO NOT HAPPEN
TO BE IN A PARTICULARLY GOOD POSITION TO INFLUENCE PDRY
POLICY.
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